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REMARKS

Claims 1-61 were pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 1-61 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 62-86 added. Therefore, Claims 62-86 are presented for examination herein.

Applicant notes that the above-captioned application is a continuation application of the parent application, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/120,499 filed July 21, 1998. Applicant has amended the specification by this paper to include a priority claim to this effect, and cite a related application. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by this amendment.

IDS

Applicant has filed contemporaneously herewith an information disclosure statement (IDS) and PTO Form 1449 disclosing eighteen (18) references for review by the Examiner.

Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any claim additions or cancellations made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability or narrowing the claims. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such additions or cancellations.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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